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SUBJECT: DETAINMENT OF DOUGLAS B. HERTZ

1. ATTORNEY RICHARD SHADYAC OF ARAB-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 27 CONCERNING DOUGLAS B. HERTZ, WHOSE PARENTS HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY AMERICAN EMBASSY BEIRUT EARLY THIS MORNING. HERTZ TOLD HIS FATHER HE HAD BEEN DETAINED AT BEIRUT AIRPORT FEBRUARY 26 BY GENDARMES, APPARENTLY SEARCHING FOR DRUGS, AND HAD MISSED HIS CONNECTION, AS RESULT OF WHICH IT HAD BEEN NECESSARY FOR HIM TO REMAIN OVERNIGHT IN BEIRUT. HERTZ HAD NO FUNDS TO PAY ADDITIONAL EXPENSES AND HAD THUS CONTACTED EMBASSY.

2. HERTZ, SR. IS A PROMINENT NORTHERN VIRGINIA LAWYER, AND FORMER COMMISSIONER OF FALLS CHURCH. HE DISTURBED BY LEBANESE TREATMENT OF SON AND RESULTING NECESSITY FOR SON TO HAVE TO CONTACT EMBASSY TO OBTAIN FUNDS. HERTZ HAS ASKED VIA SHADYAC IF EMBASSY COULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH LEBANESE AUTHORITIES AND PROVIDE FULL REPORT. FYI - SHADYAC AND HERTZ INTEND DISCUSS MATTER WITH LEBANESE AMBASSADOR KABBANI UPON SON'S ARRIVAL LATER THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON - END FYI.

3. DEPARTMENT OF COURSE LEAVES THIS TO YOUR DISCRETION BUT WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING REPLY WE CAN CONVEY TO
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